2 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Security in the CIA History Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, CIA Historical Staff to
Historical Officers and Writers, 8 Sept 1971

    1. The reference memorandum is the most recent written
statement of policy concerning security in the CIA Histor-
ical Program. On 1 November 1973, I discussed the reference
statement with Walter Elder, Chief of the History Staff, to
determine its present applicability.

    2. Elder stated that his policy with respect to se-
curity control in the CIA Historical Program is to "keep
it simple." Access to histories will continue to be on a
need-to-know basis; in questionable cases the producing
component will have the final decision with respect to
granting access to a history. Access logs and semi-annual
audits of histories, as described in the reference memo-
randum, will no longer be required under Elder's policy.

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Chairman, DDI Historical Board